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PLEASE PASS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION FROM DON ROBERTS

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1. QUOTE COPY OF WIRE DATED JANUARY 30, 76 DISCUSSED WITH D.G. AND IBRAHIM DOOH ON FEBRUARY 4, 76. ORGANIZATION HAS NOT YET RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL COPY; THEREFORE, UNKNOWN AT THIS POINT WHETHER ORGANIZATION WILL ALSO PREPARE REPLY. HOWEVER, SINCE I REALIZE ALL CONCERNED WILL BE ANXIOUS FOR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE, THIS UNOFFICIAL DIGEST OF DISCUSSION IS SUBMITTED:

A. CANDIDATES: D.G. AND DOOH OF OPINION BIO DATA TOO BRIEF. ON BASIS SKETCHY DATA, THEY INITIALLY IMPRESSED WITH COX HARDWARE/SOFTWARE CONSULTANT EXPERIENCE. HOWEVER, ON REFLECTION STATED THRHOMJWFER INDIVIDUAL WITH SPECIFIC ABILITY TO DESIGN, PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS AND HELP BUILD AN ENTIRE BENEFIT SYSTEM FOR ANNUITIES AND OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS INCLUDING INITIAL CLAIMS, MBR ESTABLISHMENTS, AND POST-ADJUDICATIONS ACTIONS. FIRST REACTION RE BAKER WAS THAT HIS EXPERIENCE DID NOT FIT CONCEPT. I POINTED OUT THAT AT HIS LEVEL, EXACT NATURE OF PROGRAM DEVELOPED IMMATERIAL; CRITICAL FACTOR WAS ABILITY TO DEVELOP. D.G. ALSO NOTED NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF BAKER HAVING COMPUTER PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE. I GAVE OPINION THAT BAKER'S JOB WOULD REQUIRE OVERVIEW OF THIS FUNCTION. CONCERNING ACCEPTANCE, D.G. SPECIFICALLY STATED NO APPROVAL AT THIS TIME AND AT ANY RATE ANY ADDITIONAL

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PERSONNEL SHOULD RETURN WITH NIBALI AND NOT BEFORE.

B. GOSI THINKS REVISED ESTIMATE TOO HIGH AND WONDERS IF BOWERS COST SUBTRACTED. THEY WOULD LIKE BREAKDOWN FOR EACH MAN TO REFLECT SALARY, TRAVEL AND SEPARATED PER DIEM TO SHOW AMOUNTS ALLOCATED FOR SUBSISTENCE AND HOUSING UNDER THE PRIOR AGREEMENT AS WELL AS SIMILAR BREAKDOWN AND A NEW AGREEMENT FOR THE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY WANT THE NEW PEOPLE UNDER A SEPARATE AGREEMENT.

C. HOUSING: D.G. STATES HOUSING SCARCE AND EXPENSIVE. UPON RECEIPT OF PER DIEM BREAKDOWN HE WILL CONSIDER OBTAINING HOUSING. TO CLARIFY, I REMARKED THAT LOCAL PRACTICE OF MINIMUM ONE YEAR LEASE WITH FULL AMOUNT IN ADVANCE WOULD MAKE EXACT ADJUSTMENT OF HOUSING VS. PER DIEM DIFFICULT IN VIEW OF DIFFERING TOUR LENGTHS OF INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED. HE STATED ORGANIZATION WOULD CHARGE ONLY FOR ACTUAL OCCUPANCY PERIOD AND UTILIZE UNOCCUPIED SPACE FOR OTHER INDIVIDUALS.

2. ABOVE CLEARED WITH ORGANIZATION. FOLLOWING ARE PERSONAL COMMENTS.

3. SAUDIS APPARENTLY FEAR REPETITION OF GREENWOOD ILLNESS OR BOWERS INABILITY TO ADJUST. IF BIO INCLUDED DATA RE ANY PRIOR TRAVELS OUTSIDE KZGW GTJF0(?&; :9,\$8589., AND WHETHER BAKER AND COX ARE MARRIED, HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN, OR AGED, ILL PARENTS, ETC., IT MIGHT REASSURE THEM. ALSO, IBRAHIM OBSERVED THAT BOTH SOUND GOOD ON PAPER BUT THAT DATA IS SO GENERAL, IT MIGHT FIT ANYONE. GOSI DOES NOT YET HAVE ADEQUATE REGULATIONS ON WHICH TO BASE OPERATIONAL POLICY OR PROCEDURES FOR EVEN MANUAL HANDLING; THEREFORE, MAN TO DESIGN AND BUILD INTEGRATED, AUTOMATED BENEFIT PROGRAM IS PREMATURE IN MY OPINION.

4. BAKER'S EXPERIENCE IN CLAIMS PAYMENT PROCESS SHOULD BE HELPFUL AND BIO WITH MORE DETAILED BACKGROUND INFO CONCERNING EXPERIENCE IN TRANSLATING LAW INTO SPECIFICATIONS SHOULD CONVINCE GOSI. DITTO FOR COX.

5. SINCE BAKER AND COX TOUR LESS THAN TEN MONTHS, ESTIMATE APPEARS HIGH EVEN CONSIDERING INCREASE IN PER DIEM,
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CERTAINTY THAT BAKER, AND COX, HIGHER GRADE THAN ROBERTS AND BOWERS, AND BUILT-IN CUSHION.

6. D.G. CONSIDERS THAT HOUSING OBTAINED FOR NIBALI, BOWERS AND ROBERTS WAS ADEQUATE AND IS APPARENTLY SLIGHTLY MIFFED AT NON-ACCEPTANCE. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT D.G. WANTS TO OFFSET HOUSING COST AGAINST PER DIEM AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE. OTHERWISE, HE WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED JECOR LONG AGO. IT IS

EQUALLY OBVIOUS THAT FINDING VILLA TO SATISFY TEAM'S
CONCEPT OF ADEQUACY THAT WILL FIT D.G.'S CONCEPT IS
IMPOSSIBLE. VILLA WITH PRIVATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR EACH
TEAM MEMBER WOULD RANGE FROM SRM 175,000 TO 250,000 FOR YEAR
LEASE WITH ADDITIONAL 60-75,000 FOR FURNISHINGS (\$64-92,000).
HOTELS STILL AVAILABLE FOR INDIVIDUALS (I.E. NOT TAKEN OVER
BY CORPORATION OR GOVERNMENT) ARE FULL TO OVERFLOWING FOR
MONTHS TO COME. ONE HOTEL HAS CONVERTED DINING ROOM TO
DORMITORY STYLE AND HAS INDIVIDUALS SLEEPING IN STORAGE
ROOM. A FEW WESTERN APARTMENTS LARGE ENOUGH FOR THREE
PERSONS ARE AVAILABLE AT RENT OF SR 35,000 TO 50,000.
FURNISHINGS WILL COST AT LEAST SR 20,000 TO 30,000 MORE.
MY PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT D.G. WILL EITHER FIND CHEAP
ACCOMMODATIONS AS BEFORE OR DELAY ALTOGETHER. THEREFORE,
INDIVIDUALS SHOULD EXPECT TO SHARE ROOM AND BOUNCE FROM
HOTEL TO HOTEL. ANY DIFFERENCE THEN WOULD BE AN IMPROVEMENT.

7. REIMBURSEMENT TO SSA NOT DISCUSSED WITH D.G. END OF
QUOTE.

EMBASSY COMMENTS: EMBASSY HAS UNOFFICIALLY GIVEN GOSI
D.G. TEXT OF REFTEL. HE WOULD LIKE OFFICIAL LETTER TO WHICH
HE CAN RESPOND. GIVEN ROBERTS' COMMENTS ABOVE, DOES SSA
WISH TO SUGGEST REVISED LETTER?
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